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Coast Guard to Group Chairman-Deck Operations

Subject: MOU between Coast Guard and New York
City Department of Transportation

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Subj: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the U.S. Coast Guard and the City of New York dtd May 19, 1998, Addendum

Dear Mr. Truell,

In response to your request, the MOU between the U.S. Coast Guard and the City of New York dated May 19, 1998 was to formalize procedures for developing standard operating procedures and agreements to improve passenger safety, improve the quality of ferry maintenance and operations and to expedite Coast Guard inspection process. It was not intended to preempt federal laws or regulations, nor supplant duly established U.S. Coast Guard policies. Inspections on the Staten Island ferries have been conducted in accordance with all applicable federal regulations and policies for certificated passenger ferries.

The MOU allows for the development of Addendums specific to procedures and operations that must be formalized in writing and signed by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection New York and the Staten Island Borough Commissioner. To this date, there are no Addendums to this MOU.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, feel free to call Mr. Jimmy Castillo of my Passenger Vessel Section staff at (718) 354 4298.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. E. Cameron", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

J. E. CAMERON